

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
BARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND**

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**Minutes of School Committee Meeting 11/20/2014**

A regular meeting of the Barrington School Committee was held on Thursday, November 20, 2014 in the Administration Building. Mrs. Brody called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mrs. Brody, Mr. Guida, Dr. Shea, Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Messore, Mrs. Dillon, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Tarro. Absent were Dr. Dominguez and Mr. Fuller.

Mrs. Kate Brody introduced School Committee members present at the meeting: Student Representative Ms. Lucina Schwartz, Mr. Patrick Guida, and Dr. Robert Shea. Dr. Paula Dominguez and Mr. Scott Fuller were absent. Mrs. Brody also introduced the Administration and Central Office Staff: Superintendent Mr. Michael Messore, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Mrs. Paula Dillon, Director of Technology Mrs. Katie Miller, Director of Administration and Finance Mr. Ronald Tarro, and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Mrs. Elizabeth Levesque.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Dr. Andrew Anderson, Barrington Middle School Principal, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Achievement Recognition**

Mr. Messore congratulated Mr. Jason Appel, Barrington High School Math Teacher, who has been named a FUSE Fellow as part of the FUSE Rhode Island Initiative launched by the Highlander Institute.

Mr. Messore congratulated Barrington High School Guidance Counselors Ms. Stefanie Mezzanotte and Ms. Jennifer Ruhle on their National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification.

Dr. Shea congratulated Ms. Schwartz and the Barrington High School Debate Team on their achievements at their second tournament of the year.

**Information and Proposals**

Mrs. Dillon led the presentation on Blended Learning initiatives throughout the district. Several teachers across grade levels were invited to present to the Committee. Present were Barrington Middle School teachers Mr. Brett Kearns and Mr. Christopher Keller, and Hampden Meadows teachers Mrs. Tricia Hunt and Mr. Seth Tibbetts. Barrington High School teacher Mr. Jason Appel was unable to attend due to a High School event this evening. Mr. Kearns and Mr. Keller provided information on use of Chromebooks and Google docs with interactive lessons in the classroom. Mrs. Hunt and Mr. Tibbetts highlighted the use of Aspen classroom pages to guide discussions and the use of flip lessons. Questions and discussion included the connection between Aspen and Google, flexible physical learning spaces, availability of Chromebooks and maximizing opportunities for use in supporting teaching and learning, and balancing the use of technology to move learning forward in the district.

Mrs. Miller provided an update on the Technology Capital Strategy for FY2016, reviewing the five essential areas of the National Educational and Barrington Public Schools Technology Plans, the compelling reasons for 1:1 devices with Always On learning, and the district's readiness for the administration of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments in spring, 2015. Mrs. Miller highlighted strategies to move the district forward including the conceptual plans for the implementation of 1:1 devices for all students, and plans to reconvene the Technology Subcommittee in January. Discussion ensued on professional development resources for teachers and the importance of reaching the goal of 1:1 devices for all students sooner than as defined in the conceptual plan for FY21.

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Mr. Messore led the presentation on School Improvement Plans. All building administrators were present including Sowams School Principal Mr. James Callahan, Primrose Hill School Principal Mrs. Patricia Tolento, Nayatt School Principal Ms. Tracey Whitehead, Hampden Meadows School Principal Mrs. Tracey McGee, Barrington Middle School Principal Dr. Andrew Anderson, and Barrington High School Principal Mr. Joseph Hurley. Each principal shared detailed data relating to their school improvement plan goals and action steps for English Language Arts, Reading, Writing, Math, and social emotional learning goals. The School Committee congratulated the Administration and building principals for the exceptional progress relative to building a strong district culture of data use and the effective use of data to improve learning outcomes for students.

**General Public Discussion and Information**

Dr. Scott Douglas, of 25 Rumstick Road, presented questions relating to the next phase for 1:1 devices relating to the expected life cycle and attrition for the devices, and suggestions for acquiring devices through possible methods of a PTO challenge, donations of old devices, or a districtwide policy for bring your own device to school.

At 10:05 p.m., Mrs. Brody called for a five minute recess. The meeting resumed at 10:10 p.m.

**Old Business from Superintendent and Staff**

Mr. Messore provided an update relative to the District Strategic Communication Plan, reporting on the collaboration with Mrs. Tracey Orchard, the district's Volunteer Coordinator, on an upcoming training program for district volunteers to include building specific safety protocols and procedures.

Mr. Tarro reported on the issue of pending pension litigation involving a number of municipalities in Rhode Island. Discussions have been held with Town Manager Peter DeAngelis on consideration of a consolidation of efforts to avoid unnecessary legal fees.

Mr. Messore provided a brief update on school field trips at Barrington Middle School, noting that discussions continue on the possible expansion of the current program of field trips.

**Old Business from School Committee**

Dr. Shea, Chair of the Health and Wellness Committee, reported on the recent meeting held on November 19, 2014, which included updates from the BAY Team, Chartwells, plans to establish a district Advisory Committee for Allergy Policy, a request to share information on responsible gun storage from the group Moms Demand Action, and discussion on delayed secondary school start times. Mr. Messore noted the possibility of including the cost for a consultant in the FY15-16 budget to assist with the analysis of viable options to the current start times schedule as well as a district wide survey. The Committee expressed their full agreement for a focus on the importance of this initiative and discussion ensued on next steps.

Ms. Schwartz departed the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

**New Business from Superintendent and Staff**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Guida seconded to approve the monthly expenditures for October in the amount of \$3,642,053.79. The motion passed 3-0 with Mrs. Brody, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea**

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**voting in the affirmative for the motion.**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Guida seconded to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the appointment of Mr. Ethan Selinger, NA, Building Intern. The motion passed 3-0 with Mrs. Brody, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.**

Mr. Messore announced the resignation of Mr. Gregg Amore, HS, Boys Ice Hockey Assistant Coach.

Mr. Tarro reported that all sealed bid proposals received on November 13, 2014 for the Barrington High School Gym Roof Project exceeded the estimated budget. A memo was provided to the Committee prior to the meeting and it was recommended by the administration to reject all bid proposals and move forward with a re-bid process for the project within a short timeline.

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Guida seconded to reject all bid proposals for Bid #1405 – Barrington High School Gym Roof Project and re-bid the project within a short timeline. The motion passed 3-0 with Mrs. Brody, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.**

Mr. Tarro reported that three sealed bid proposals were received for the removal and installation of gas fired heating and air conditioning units for the Barrington Middle School and Barrington High School Library. A memo and tabulation sheet were provided to the Committee prior to the meeting and it was recommended by the administration to award the bid to the lowest qualified evaluated bidder, Automatic Temperature Controls, of Cranston, Rhode Island, for an amount not to exceed \$30,956 for both projects.

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Guida seconded to award the bid for removal and installation of gas fired heating and air conditioning units for the Barrington Middle School and Barrington High School Library to the lowest qualified evaluated bidder, Automatic Temperature Controls, of Cranston, Rhode Island, for an amount not to exceed \$30,956 for both projects. The motion passed 3-0 with Mrs. Brody, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.**

Mr. Tarro reported that two sealed bid proposals were received for athletic training services for Barrington Middle School and Barrington High School. A memo and tabulation sheet were provided to the Committee prior to the meeting and it was recommended by the administration to award the contract bid to the lowest qualified evaluated bidder, Olympic Physical Therapy, of Middletown, Rhode Island, for a period of three years with two optional one-year extensions.

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Guida seconded to award the bid for athletic training services for Barrington Middle School and Barrington High School to the lowest qualified evaluated bidder, Olympic Physical Therapy, of Middletown, Rhode Island, for a period of three years with two optional one-year extensions. The motion passed 3-0 with Mrs. Brody, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.**

**New Business from School Committee**

Mrs. Brody proposed that the Spotlight on Teaching and Learning agenda item be highlighted on only the first School Committee meeting of every month. The Committee was in agreement of the agenda format change.

**Decision Items**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Guida seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 3-0**

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**with Mrs. Brody, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.**

**Discussion Future Agenda Items**

Mr. Messore reported that the next regular School Committee meeting scheduled for December 4, 2014 will feature updates on Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and the district's Bullying Policy. The School Committee meeting scheduled for December 18, 2014 will feature presentations on enrollment data, educator evaluation, and a student achievement data report. Mrs. Brody noted that due to scheduling conflicts, the meeting on December 4, 2014 will need to be rescheduled for the following week. Discussion ensued on the possibility of holding a brief meeting to approval the re-bid of the Barrington High School gym roof project prior to the date of the rescheduled next regular meeting.

Mr. Guida requested that updates on field trips at Barrington Middle School and delayed secondary school start times remain as topics of discussion on future agendas.

Mrs. Brody noted that updates from the Building Committee will be a regular agenda item as that committee reconvenes beginning in January, 2015.

Mrs. Brody requested that an update from Dr. Anderson on the recent trip to Washington, D.C. where the Barrington Middle School was honored as a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School be placed on a future agenda.

**Announcements**

School Committee members will attend the Rhode Island Association of School Committees session entitled School Committee 101 on November 22, 2014.

School Committee members have been invited to attend the Barrington High School Interscholastic Athletic Hall of Fame, sponsored by the Barrington Boosters, on the evening of November 22, 2014.

**General Public Discussion and Information**

Dr. Scott Douglas, of 25 Rumstick Road, expressed his appreciation for the public update on school start times discussions.

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Guida seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:55 p.m. and go in to Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Section 42-46-5(a)(2) for collective bargaining or litigation with BEST. The motion passed 3-0 with Mrs. Brody, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Guida seconded to adjourn the Executive Session at 11:19 p.m. and to seal the minutes. The motion passed 3-0 with Mrs. Brody, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.**

**Mrs. Brody noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session.**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Guida seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:20 p.m. The motion passed 3-0 with Ms. Brody, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.**